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November 5, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH ASTHMA AND ALLERGY
FOUNDATION OF AMERICA CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of an Amendment to current Lease Agreement for five mobile asthma treatment clinics to accept grant funds for the operational costs for the stand-by unit, and accept donation of ten touch screen monitors for these clinics.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. H-205253 similar to Exhibit I with Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) California Chapter, to accept grant funds from the AAFA (Exhibit II), in the amount of \$145,053 effective upon Board approval for the reimbursement of various costs related to the operation of the fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic.
2. Approve and instruct the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept the donation of ten touch screen monitors for the mobile asthma treatment clinics by LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) with a total value of \$4,400 (Exhibit II).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Under the current no cost Lease Agreement, AAFA provides four mobile asthma treatment clinics to LAC+USC, with a fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic functioning as a ready stand-by unit in the event that any

of the existing four mobile asthma treatment clinics become inoperative or under routine maintenance. The mobile asthma treatment provision of regular asthma screening and treatment services is provided under the current school-based asthma program. Approval of Amendment No. 4, substantially similar to Exhibit I, will allow LAC+USC to continue to operate the stand-by unit for a second year and acceptance of the touch screen monitors will support the health risk assessment for the ongoing provision of regular asthma screening and treatment services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal I, Service Excellence and Goal 7, Health and Mental Health of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are no leasing charges under the Lease Agreement. Grant funds received from the AAFA in the amount of \$145,053 will be used to reimburse the second year of operating costs associated with the fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic. Grant funds will be used to cover \$85,000 for the cost of an existing nurse, \$8,250 for the cost of medications, and \$51,803 for the cost of insurance, gasoline, maintenance, and supplies for the second year of operations, at no net County costs. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Final Budget.

No additional staff will be requested as this mobile asthma treatment clinic will continue to function as a stand-by unit only.

The Department continues to pursue all available funding sources, such as grants to further offset program costs. It should be noted that all patients are screened by an on-site patient resources worker, and all qualified patients receive assistance in completing applications for Medi-Cal or other appropriate third-party payer programs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 31, 1995, your Board approved the initial lease agreement with AAFA and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the implementation of a school-based asthma treatment program to provide asthma treatment services at 18 schools sites in the LAUSD.

On December 16, 1997, your Board approved Amendment No. 1, an MOU with LAUSD that allowed LAC+USC to continue providing asthma treatment services at 18 school sites and an MOU to expand asthma treatment services at an additional 41 school sites in the LAUSD.

On October 17, 2000, your Board approved an Amendment No. 2, an MOU with LAUSD that allowed LAC+USC to provide ongoing asthma treatment services at 59 school sites and an MOU to expand asthma treatment services at an additional 10 school sites in the LAUSD and at an additional 10 school sites in the Montebello Unified School District.

On April 8, 2008, your Board approved an Amendment No. 3, that allowed LAC+USC to accept a fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic to function as a "stand-by" replacement mobile unit for any of the four existing mobile units provided pursuant to the aforementioned agreement.

The school-based asthma treatment program has delivered impressive results and was the first in the County to receive the Joint Commission award of distinction for Disease Management. The program was able to reduce emergency department and inpatient admissions for children with asthma by 75 percent and school absenteeism decreased 60 percent for children enrolled in the program.

On July 21, 2008, AAFA offered additional funding of \$145,053 for the stand-by unit and the school-based asthma program. In addition, AAFA donated up to ten touch screen monitors for five clinics to administer the health risk assessment of the asthma treatment program.

County Counsel has reviewed Exhibits I and Exhibit II as to form.

This amendment will become effective upon Board approval.

Attachment A is the Grant Management Statement required by the Board for all grant awards exceeding \$100,000.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of Amendment No. 4 and acceptance of the grant funds will ensure the ongoing funding for the fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic and the ten touch screen monitors for the provisions of regular asthma screening and treatment services to schools within Los Angeles County, at no net County costs.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations, DHS requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JF Schunhoff', with a stylized, flowing script.

John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Interim Director

Attachments (3)

JFS:ev

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office Attachment A
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: Health Services – LAC-USC Medical Center	
Grant Project Title and Description: Agreement Amendment with Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America California Chapter	
Under the current no cost Lease Agreement, AAFA will provides five mobile asthma treatment clinics to LAC-USC MC to support the ongoing provision of regular asthma screening and treatment services provided under the current school-based asthma program contract (H-205253). Approval of the amendment will allow the LAC+USC Medical Center to accept grant funds for a second year of operations of the mobile asthma treatment clinic unit 5.	
Funding Agency Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America California Chapter	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill) Grant No.
Grant Acceptance Deadline ASAP	
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$145,053 County	
Grant Period: FY Begin March 13, 2008 End Date: March 12, 2009	
Number of Personnel Hired Under this 1 Full x P	
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>	
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes No X	
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes No X	
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes X No	
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	
a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No	
b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No	
Describe: _____	
c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant. Yes No	
Impact of additional personnel on existing space: N/A	
Other requirements not mentioned above N/A	

Department Head Signature



Date

10-21-08



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Dear Dr. Schunhoff,

The Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), Southern California Chapter, is pleased to offer additional support for the BreathMobile program in Los Angeles, specifically in support of the agreement (H-205253) between AAFA and Los Angeles County Department of Health Services school-based Asthma program.

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AAFA will donate ten touch screen monitors for the existing computers for the clinics to administer the health risk assessment of the asthma treatment program, each valued at \$440 for a total value of \$4,400. AAFA will also provide a second year of funding in support of the 5th mobile unit in the amount of \$145,053, of which \$85,000 will be used to offset the salary costs for an existing registered nurse, Gloria Wessel, to support all the current and 5th Breathmobile, \$8250 for medications and \$51,803 for operational costs. The funds will be used to reimburse various operating costs and one year's salary for a registered nurse, as identified in Appendix A.

In addition, AAFA will provide reimbursement for one year physician salary in the amount of \$135,768 to be paid directly to the USC Keck School of Medicine. The USC Keck School of Medicine shall provide monthly invoices for reimbursement of the physician salary to AAFA. AAFA will reimburse within 30 days of receipt of invoice(s)/

Sincerely,

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Appendix A

BUDGET

RN Salary (Gloria Wessel)	\$85,000
Supplies, gas, maintenance in support of the 5th Breathmobile Unit	\$51,803
Medications	\$8,250
TOTAL	\$145,053

Contract No. H-205253-4

MOBILE ASTHMA TREATMENT CLINIC LEASE AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 4

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day
of _____ 2008,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County") ,

and

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION
OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
(hereafter "AAFA")

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document titled "MOBILE
ASTHMA TREATMENT CLINIC LEASE AGREEMENT ", dated December 20, 1995,
and further identified as County Agreement No. H-205253 between the County and
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Southern Chapter (Contractor) and any
Amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the parties to amend Agreement to provide for
the changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form
of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by both parties.

WHEREAS, the fifth mobile unit serves as a "stand-by" vehicle to mitigate the
disruption in care delivery when one of the current four Breathmobiles are
unavailable due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective on the date first herein above written.

2. Paragraph 3, is revised to read as follows:

“3. AAFA has donated to County the first five (5) Mobile Clinics used under Agreement to be used for the purposes set forth in Agreement. County assumes all responsibility, for the operation of said Mobile Clinic(s) and agrees to return each said Mobile Clinic(s) to AAFA if said Mobile Clinic(s) is (are) not used for the purposes consistent with Agreement. It is AAFA's intent to donate ten (10) touch screen monitors to support the health risk assessment for the regular asthma screening and treatment services of the current school-based asthma program, with a total value of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400). In addition, AAFA is providing additional funding in the amount One Hundred Forty Five Thousand and Fifty Three Dollars (\$145,053) for the reimbursement of various costs related to the second year of operation of the fifth Mobile Asthma Clinic, as stated on Attachment III, incorporated herein.

3. Except for the changes set forth above, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

Director of Health Services, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Southern California Chapter has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By

John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Interim Director of Health Services

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION
OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHAPTER

By _____
Contractor

Printed Name

Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DIVISION

Asthmamend: ev 10/9/08